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VIA HAND DELIVERY AND ECFS

Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **TELEVISION STATION SECTION 339(a)(2)(D)(vii) WAIVER REQUEST**
MB Docket No. 05-317
Tampa Bay Television, Inc.
WFTS-DT, Tampa, FL (Facility ID 64588)

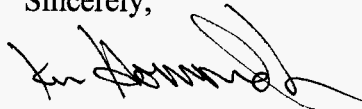
Dear Ms. Dortch:

Tampa Bay Television, Inc., licensee of broadcast television station WFTS-DT, Tampa, Florida, hereby respectfully requests a waiver as contemplated by Section 339(a)(2)(D) of the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004, 47 U.S.C. § 339(a)(2)(D), to prevent digital signal testing intended to establish eligibility to receive distant digital network signals from satellite carriers.

This waiver is sought pursuant to Section 339(a)(2)(D)(vii)(IV). As described in the attached Engineering Statement prepared by John F.X. Browne & Associates, P.C., station WFTS-DT's signal coverage area is substantially decreased due to physical constraints on its tower that can only be addressed at the end of the digital transition—constraints that are directly comparable in effect to utilizing a side-mounted antenna.

Accordingly, Tampa Bay Television, Inc., respectfully requests that the FCC grant the foregoing request for waiver. If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

cc: Nazifa Sawez, FCC (Room 2-A726)
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